

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multicoat system, on a substrate (A), comprising:
a clear coat of at least one radiation-curable coating system (F) comprising at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of urethane (meth)acrylates, epoxy (meth)acrylates, and polyester acrylates,

optionally, at least one coat (E), which is pigmented and/or provided with effect substances, and which is adjacent to and under coat (F), said coat comprised of said coating system (F) and optional coat (E) constituting a topcoat,

and at least one elastic intercoat (D), which is located between the substrate (A) and the topcoat, and comprises a thermoplastic elastomer, and has a glass transition temperature (T_g) of -20°C or less (measured in the frequency range up to 1000 Hz),

wherein the substrate has an impact strength to DIN EN ISO 179/1fU at 23°C and 50 % humidity of at least 20 kJ/m^2 , and is selected from the group consisting of PP (~~polypropylene~~), SAN (styrene-acrylonitrile copolymers), ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene-copolymers), and ASA (acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers), ~~blends of ABS and PA (polyamides), blends of ABS and PBT (poly (butylene terephthalate)s), blends of ABS and PC (polycarbonates), blends of ASA and PA, blends of ASA and PBT, and blends of ASA and PC~~ and physical mixtures thereof,

[[and]] the ratio (V) of the intercoat thickness (ZS) to the total thickness of the intercoat and the topcoat (DL), expressed as $V = ZS/(ZS + DL)$, in the multicoat system, is at least 0.05 at a temperature of at least 25°C ,

and wherein each coat is coextensive with the substrate.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thickness of the elastic intercoat (D) is from 0.5 to 500 μm .

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The multicoat system as claimed in claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is selected from the group consisting of styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS), ~~styrene-isoprene-styrene (SIS), styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene (SEBS)~~ and styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene (SEPS) block polymers.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A third substrate coated with a multicoat system as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method of producing the multicomponent system as claimed in claim 1, which comprises applying, between the substrate (A) and said coat of at least one radiation-curable coating system (F), said elastic intercoat (D) having a glass transition temperature (T_g) of -20°C or less.

Claims 10-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of PP, SAN, PC, PMMA, PBT, PA, ASA, ABS and their physical mixtures (blends).

Claims 17-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the substrate (A) comprises an interior surface or an exterior surface of a structure.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The third substrate as claimed in claim 8, which is a building component, a vehicle component or an aircraft component.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein elastic intercoat (D) has a glass transition temperature (T_g) of -60°C or less (measured in the frequency range up to 1000 Hz).

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ratio (V) is at least 0.3 at a temperature of -50°C .

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is a thermoplastic elastomer, and~~ wherein at least one compound in the at least one radiation-curable coating system (F) is a urethane (meth)acrylate.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): A method of providing a substrate with a scratch-resistant coating, comprising:

applying an elastic intercoat (D) layer having a glass transition temperature (T_g) of -60°C or less (measured in the frequency range up to 1000 Hz) to a surface of the substrate;
and

applying a protective topcoat over the elastic intercoat layer, the topcoat layer comprising an optional coat layer (E) which is pigmented and/or provided with effect substances, followed by a layer of a radiation curable coating system (F).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said second substrate layer (C) is a film of polypropylene.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, additionally comprising, between (D) and (A):

a second substrate layer (C) of a polymer film, and
at least one elastic intercoat (B) between second substrate layer (C) and substrate (A).

Claim 28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (New): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS).